

FIREMEN RESCUE 100, IMPERILLED BY BLACK HAND

Screaming Men and Women
Jam Fire-Escapes as Tenement House Burns.

LADDERS ARE USED.

Grocer Received Threatening
Letters and Serious Incen-
diary Fire Follows.

The fire-escape balconies on the front of a five-story tenement house at No. 520 West Thirtieth street were jammed with screaming and struggling men and women when Truck Companies No. 21 and 22 whirled into the street below early today.

The staircases in the tenement halls were lined up which swept long streams of flame. The fire had burst through doors into the apartments on every floor and was spouting out the roof.

There was no escape for the tenants through the building, and the only exit—the fire-escape—was blocked by excited and frenzied men and women who were trying to rescue trunks, boxes, bundles and bags, as well as save their own lives.

The fire is believed to have been incendiary and, Deputy Chief Joseph Martin said, was probably started by Black Handers who contemplated a great loss of life. If the two truck companies had been a few minutes later in reaching the scene the fire-burners would have had their murderous wishes gratified on a big scale, Martin added.

EIGHT LADDERS RAISED TO
SAVE IMPERILLED PERSONS.

The two truck companies wheeled into action like batteries of artillery. Almost before the wheels had stopped revolving the truckmen were sliding ladders to the ground—eight of them. In an instant more the eight ladders were clapped against the front of the building and had not yet touched the wall when firemen were climbing up them.

On each of the four upper floors is one iron balcony extending almost clear across the building and accessible from apartments on both sides. Connecting the different balconies are single perpendicular ladders, reached through narrow holes or "wells" in the balcony gratings. These "wells" were quickly choked with trunks and boxes on every landing.

The eight ladders raised gave two to each balcony. The firemen started the huddled persons on the balconies down, one by one. In less than five minutes the four big balconies were cleared and the 100 human beings who had crowded them were safe in the street. The trunks, bags and boxes which had caused the congestion were left, still choking the balcony "wells."

By that time other firemen had hosed playing into the burning building and a little later the flames that had threatened to destroy the whole structure in short order were under control.

"We were just in time," said Deputy Chief Martin, as he saw the tenants safely sent down the ladders to the ground.

POLICEMEN COULD NOT ENTER THE BUILDING.

A pedestrian discovered the fire and notified Policeman Noonan, on duty at Thirtieth street and Tenth avenue. Noonan blew his whistle and Sergeant Foley and Patrolmen West, Coran and O'Gorman responded. They found the hall a furnace they could not penetrate. The others raised Noonan on their shoulders and he was able to clutch the grating of the first balcony. The warnings of the policemen were Giuseppe Russo, his wife, Mondaine, and her mother, Mrs. Mondaine Angelo, who live on the second floor. Russo has a grocery on the ground floor. They got down the fire-escape drop ladder. No body else did.

The policeman, by that time, had gone to floors above and the balcony at the second floor became so congested immediately that nobody could follow the Russos down the ladder to the sidewalk. "Go on up to the roof," the policeman shouted to Mrs. Mary Gaffney, her twelve-year-old daughter Mary and a

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By Nixola Greeley-Smith.

We have had the new art, the new woman, the new nationalism, the new freedom. And now at last Paris has discovered the new beauty and sent us a sample of it in the person of Mlle. Polaire, whose Arolic name is merely by way of alibi for the equatorial dance which she has brought with her, and with which the sober citizens of Trenton, N. J.—if there are any—will be entertained this evening.



NIXOLA GREELEY-SMITH

by Excelsior, admitted that, far from considering herself the ugliest woman alive, she has never in her life beheld a woman with whom she would have been willing to exchange

Yesterday in the office of her manager, Morris Gest, in the Princess Theatre she repeated this declaration to me and entered upon a very interesting exposition of what the new beauty really is.

Here is what it looks like: Polaire is small and very slender. A loose, square-cut suit costumed her famous fourteen-inch waist yesterday afternoon, but when I asked what has become of it she very promptly unbuttoned the garment to prove that she is just as attenuated as of yore.

Her hair is dark brown and she wears it very flat on top and in a bobbed off mass of curls about her ears. Her eyes are very long and of a dark lowering gray—exactly the war color of our fighting ships. Her nose is short and flat, an Egyptian nose, and her color is a Chinese golden—perhaps she wears white Parisian rouge for some time as the mandarin complexion. Her mouth is long and large. To be brief and perhaps brutal, Polaire looks astonishingly like the Sphinx and just a little bit like a carp. The length of her eyes is emphasized with the blue pencil, the size of her mouth minimized by a vivid application of carmine to the middle section. She wore a dark blue gown with

boarder in her home, David Hennally, on the third floor.

MORE THAN 100 ARE SAVED BY THE FIREMEN.

Mrs. Gaffney and Hennally looked up. They could see flames licking over the cornice and refused to go. They could not descend on account of the congestion on the next balcony. They were induced by Policeman West to go up one story more—to the fourth floor—and then followed him through a window into an apartment on the east side of the building, occupied by James Garvey, his wife and twenty-one-year-old daughter Lauretta. A side window in the Garvey flat is only five feet above the roof of No. 520 West Thirtieth street, adjoining the burning tenement.

West got out of that window and dropped to the roof of No. 52. There he assisted the Garveys and Gaffneys to get down after him. They went from the roof down the stairs of No. 52 to the street.

Everybody else in the building was taken down the ladders by the firemen. More than 100 people were rescued. Several tenants of the building told firemen and policemen that Russo, the grocer, had received Black Hand letters threatening to blow up his grocery and burn the building. Russo denied this, but admitted that John Perillo, from whom he recently purchased the grocery, had received such letters. Perillo went to Italy after selling out his business.

pump or thin, classic or luminously modern?"

"If you mean what type do men love most, I will have to answer that love has nothing to do with beauty," Polaire replied. La femme fatale the fatal woman is seldom beautiful.

"Love is like lightning. It strikes. No one knows when. No one knows why. There are those who believe so much in the fatality of love that they hold that a horse or a palace is all the same to it—that it owes nothing to beautiful or artistic surroundings. But I do not agree with them. I think that lights, perfume, flowers, beautiful gowns, music, stars and all these things are necessary to love and intensify its quality. But love is independent of beauty in its object. I repeat, the most beautiful woman in the world is the woman who pleases you most."

"And what is an attractive man? Or does the new beauty extend to men?" I inquired wonderingly.

"An attractive man," answered Polaire with a visible and immediate accession of interest in her subject, "is one who is gallant if he does not mean one who is lacking in respect, who is careful of his person and who is intelligent. But after all when a man is intelligent he is everything else. Intelligence, indeed, is the only beauty and the only goodness. It is only unintelligent persons who are small, envious, wicked. The intelligent are the only really good people in the world."

"Of course you use the word 'good' in its large sense," I suggested. "You are not referring to morals?"

"Morals," shrugged Polaire. "Of course not. Some of the world's greatest geniuses have been its most immoral citizens. Morality depends on physical conditions. Immorality may be pathological. Oh, no. When I said goodness I mean genuine goodness. Morality is another matter entirely. Les moeurs, c'est autre chose."

TWO VILLAGES FIGHT POST OFFICE CHANGE.

There is great indignation in Palisade and Coxsackville, N. J., over a secret effort to abolish the post-office of the two villages by combining them with the post-office at Fort Lee. These villages have had their own post-offices for years. Both are in the borough of Fort Lee, but the village of Palisade is undeveloped territory from the village of Fort Lee. Residents of the two sections assert that consolidation would work hardship and in some cases even a so-called free delivery once a day was established under the proposed change.

Palisade, for instance, has three mails in and out each day, while under the "free delivery" justice it would have only one in twenty-four hours.

The move for consolidation has been worked very quietly. The change is made that the purpose was to sneak it through the Post-office Department without notice to the Postmasters of the two villages or the patrons of the two post-offices. It is said the population of the two villages is more than 1,500. Residents there declare it would be an outrage to make the proposed change without consulting them.

When news of the secret move by Fort Lee leaked out to-day preparations were begun to hold mass meetings in protest. It was also suggested that the matter be placed before the Democratic Committee of Bergen County when it meets next week.

SUICIDE PRINCESS'S SECRET TRIPS BROUGHT OUT BY AUTO KILLING

Sophia of Saxe-Weimar, With
Suitor and Mother, Was in
Car That Ran Over Girl.

MELAN, France, Oct. 8.—The Criminal Court here to-day tried and acquitted on a charge of running over and killing a gypsy girl on Aug. 8 Baron Hans von Bleichroeder and Walter Palmer, the chauffeur of Princess Sophia of Saxe-Weimar, who committed suicide at Heidelberg on Sept. 8 owing to the refusal of her parents to consent to her marriage to Baron Bleichroeder. The Princess, with her mother and Baron Bleichroeder, was in the automobile at the time of the accident.

It was reported at the time of the Princess's suicide that she had killed herself because she feared a scandal as the result of her visit to France in company with a young man whom she had been forbidden to meet.

While she was in France she and the young man went on several long automobile drives in Fontainebleau Forest, and it was on one of these that the accident occurred. Every effort, it was said, had been made to hush up the affair owing to fears that the Princess's movements would become known to her father.

ST. LOUIS HAS FREAK STORM.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 8.—A heavy hail-storm, succeeded by a cloudburst and a high wind, broke over the western part of St. Louis to-day, flooding streets, stopping street cars, breaking windows and tearing down trees and signboards. Forest Park was strewn with birds killed by the hail.

The storm was peculiarly local, striking only a section of the city. No record of the high wind was made on the instruments of the United States weather observatory in the downtown section.

BLUFFING CREDITORS.

(From the Chicago Record Herald.)
"Dunsborough," said Mr. Gast, "invented the simplest plan I ever heard of for getting rid of old debts. He drove away all duns by pointing at the placard above his desk:

TO AMEND TARIFF ON PROTESTS OF FOREIGN NATIONS.

Wilson Acts to Meet Fight on
Five Per Cent. Differential
Section of Law.

LEADERS ARE ADVISED.

Congress to Consider Repeat
or Modification of Objec-
tionable Provision.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—After conferring with President Wilson to-day Solicitor Folk of the State Department went into conference with Representative Underwood and Senator Simmons to recommend modification or repeal of the five per cent. differential in the new tariff law, against which foreign nations generally are protesting.

Pending action, customs collectors all over the country have been notified to withhold the 5 per cent. differential in all cases.

Germany has given notice that exception will be taken to any ruling on the new tariff law which limits the application of the 5 per cent. differential to imports from Prussia, the Hanseatic States and Mecklenburg-Schwerin to the exclusion of the remainder of the German Empire.

Germany's representations to the State Department were strong enough to be interpreted to mean that the Hogein Government would not be satisfied with any decision not equivalent to a complete remission of 5 per cent.

France has sent notification that it stands by its earlier protest and indicating that retaliation will follow any discrimination against French imports.

Portugal, which, like France, has no favored nation treaty, has asked whether its imports are to be penalized, and Austria has made like inquiries.

THIRD TRIAL OF GIBSON FOR DEATH OF MRS. SZABO

(Special to The Evening World.)

MIDDLESTOWN, N. Y., Oct. 8.—At a conference between Supreme Court Justice Tompkins and District Attorney Wilson, B. W. Gibson and wife and Gibson's attorney, Henry Kehlit, it was tentatively agreed that Gibson shall be tried for a third time in special term at Goshen in November for the murder of Mrs. Rosa Szabo.

FOG DELAYS LUSITANIA.

Renovated Liner, Due To-Morrow,
Probably Will Dock Friday.

Fog, lying thick off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, will, in the opinion of the Cunard Line officials, prevent the renovated Lusitania from making her dock here to-morrow night, as the speed of the vessel has been such that she would otherwise have reached Ambrose Channel at 9.30 Thursday evening. Incoming vessels report fog thick off the Banks, and the Lusitania of the Cunard Line, bound for Boston from Liverpool, was forced to reduce speed. Reports from the Lusitania to-day indicate that she has been making an average daily speed per hour of more than twenty-five knots, which compares with the best average of the Mauretania. The Lusitania will dock, weather permitting when she reaches the Ambrose Channel, about 5 o'clock Friday morning.

BATS A-WING IN CONGRESS.

Idle House Members Have Fun
Watching Them.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Speakerless, quarrelsome and clerkless the House met again to-day and renewed its ineffectual attempts to work on the Urgent Deficiency bill. A flock of bats volplaning in the chamber kept Congressmen amused while Republican leader Mann forced roll calls.

184 JARRING COUPLES ASK FOR SEPARATION IN MANY FOREIGN TONGUES

Undeclared Suits Flood the
Courts With Litigants on
First Day of Term.

The divorce mills ground to-day in many languages. It was the first day of the term in the Supreme Court for the hearing of undeclared actions for dissolution from the (that had grown irksome, and so they came—the disenchanted off many a race, state and condition—praying delivery from bondage in a veritable confusion of tongues.

There were on the calendar before Justice Giesbrecht 184 undeclared cases, among them the Greengrasses, the Adlams, the Kurtzows, the Battins, the Goldsteins, the Bernhams, the Muglins, the Stannins, the Lahmas, the Solotars and the De Cons. They had been wedded in England, in Italy, in Russia, in Austria, in Poland, in Germany and in the great State of New York on the east side.

Most of them were freed from their galling bonds. Many of the plaintiffs told their tales of woe through interpreters of many tongues.

EXPLOSION MAIMS THREE ON U. S. REVENUE CUTTER

Gun Cartridge Set Off by Accident
on the Tuscarora, Hits Men and
Damages Vessel.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 8.—A premature explosion of a cartridge on the revenue cutter Tuscarora, while that vessel was near Fort Washington to-day caused serious injury to Olaf Fom, a gunner, whose home is in Milwaukee, and slighter hurts to two sailors. The explosion is said to have caused some damage to the vessel, in addition to putting one of the cutter's guns out of commission. The Tuscarora steamed to Milwaukee and was met by physicians in answer to wireless messages.

It is said that Fom was engaged in knocking primers from exploded shells preparatory to reloading the machine. A mistake in loaded cartridge was in the box.

125 PUT TO DEATH WITH GEN. ALVAREZ OF MEXICAN ARMY

Staff of Federal Leader Also
Executed by Rebels, Who
Captured City of Torreon.

LAREDO Tex., Oct. 8.—Federal Gen. Alvarez and his staff and 125 Federal soldiers were executed yesterday in Torreon, Mex., under orders of Gen. Francisco Villa of the Constitutionalist forces, according to information from reliable sources brought here to-day. With the city of Torreon, the rebels captured practically all of the Federal arms and artillery.

The battle lasted four days with heavy losses to both sides.

\$2,488,000 WAGE RAISE.

Western Union Advances Salaries
That Amount in a Year.

The annual report of the Western Union Telegraph Company, read to the Board of Directors today, shows an increase of \$1,700,000 in gross earnings. Increase in operating expenses was shown to be largely attributed to increases in wages and betterments of the property and service.

The increases in amounts charged to operating expenses over the previous year aggregated \$1,830,000, of which \$2,488,000 was for increase in wages.

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